

CAPSULE SUMMARY

Holland House  
1320 Douglass Avenue  
Highland Beach, Maryland

Private Residence

c. 1925

The Holland House is a large cottage with an awning overhanging an extensive porch that encircles three views. The front facade is deceiving because it shields the massiveness of this house which consumes almost one third of the lot. The house is located in the historically black town of Highland Beach and is an example of the quality of architectural design and construction that was evident in this community.

## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

AA 825

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC Holland House

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**STREET & NUMBER  
1320 Douglass Avenue

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CITY, TOWN

Highland Beach

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

Annapolis

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY  
Anne Arundel**3 CLASSIFICATION****CATEGORY**

☐ DISTRICT  
☐ BUILDING(S)  
☐ STRUCTURE  
☐ SITE  
☐ OBJECT

**OWNERSHIP**

☐ PUBLIC  
☐ PRIVATE  
☐ BOTH

**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**

☐ IN PROCESS  
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

**STATUS**

☐ OCCUPIED  
☐ UNOCCUPIED  
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

**ACCESSIBLE**

☐ YES: RESTRICTED  
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED  
☐ NO

**PRESENT USE**

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM  
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK  
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS  
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC  
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION  
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**NAME  
Mrs. Edna M. Holland

Telephone #: C05-3557

STREET &amp; NUMBER

1326 Girard St. NW DC 20001

CITY, TOWN

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE, Anne Arundel County  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Court houseLiber #: FSR 14  
Folio #: 181

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Land Records Room

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

Maryland

STATE

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

AA-825

| CONDITION                          |                                       | CHECK ONE                          | CHECK ONE                                      |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT | <input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED | <input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED | <input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GOOD      | <input type="checkbox"/> RUINS        | <input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED   | <input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FAIR      | <input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED    |                                    |  |

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**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

The Holland House is a large, tow storey cottage with gable roof. The house has several additions and extensions that are cantilevered to the main house which results in a clustered effect for the dwelling. The house has a basement and an enclosed porch which encircles three views.

Highland Beach is a summer beach community that is about ten miles south of Annapolis on the Chesapeake Bay. The Holland house is located on a block which is bounded by Bay Avenue on the north, Langston Avenue to the east, Douglass Avenue on the south and Bruce Avenue on the west. The topography of the lot slopes steeply towards the Chesapeake Bay and supports vegetation which creates a wooded environment.

The cottage is supported by a cement block foundation which corresponds to the slope of the lot creating an above grade basement under the main wings of the house. The rear porch is supported by posts which extend the height of the rear cellar. The southern view of the house is the fron of the house and exhibits a low foundation which supports an enclosed porch. The front porch is enclosed with a partial wooden wall and screening. The door has one rectangle and four squares placed in a geometric pattern between tow sets of rectangular side lights. The gable of the second storey roof is attached with the porch and exhibits a double hung window on the facade. Window awnings and porch awnings are constructed of aluminum and are utilized on the southern and western views.

An exterior chimney can be observed on the eastern view. Windows are double hung with multiple lights over a single pane. Finishing materials on the exteriرو consists of novelty siding and a brick bond shingle patter on the roof.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

| PERIOD                               |   | AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW |   |  |  |
|--------------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING      | <input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION            |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499   | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC    | <input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION            | <input type="checkbox"/> LAW                    | <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE             |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599   | <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE            | <input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS               | <input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE             | <input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE           |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699   | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE           | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION               | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY               | <input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799   | <input type="checkbox"/> ART                    | <input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING             | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC                  | <input type="checkbox"/> THEATER             |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899   | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE               | <input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT  | <input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY             | <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION      |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1900-       | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS         | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY                | <input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT    | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)     |  |
|                                      |   | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION               |   |  |  |

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|----------------|---------|-------------------|---------|
| SPECIFIC DATES | c. 1925 | BUILDER/ARCHITECT | Unknown |
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**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

Highland Beach, Maryland is a historic black town that was founded by the son of Frederick Douglass. The town was conceived by Haley R. Douglass in the late nineteenth century to be a resort community for prominent blacks. Highland Beach is a unique existing reminder of town planning and architectural history as it relates to vernacular and high style design as exhibited by black people. Most of the architecture in Highland Beach is located on the original sites and building expansions were performed within a ten to fifteen year time frame. This provides us with a concise history of design, space planning, and architecture in a homogeneous, extant community.

All of the cottages that were constructed prior to 1930 are important elements related to town planning and design. It is important that these houses retain their originality in terms of plan design, lot orientation, interior decoration, and architectural aesthetics in order to preserve the concept of space and the dynamics of community development in this historic black town.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

( Please see "Highland Beach Settlement" survey form).

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

Block 9, Lot 4, Highland Beach

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

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April, 1982

ORGANIZATION

Morgan State University

DATE  
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STREET & NUMBER

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CITY OR TOWN

Baltimore Maryland 21239

STATE

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
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Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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Edna M. Holland 9(4)  
1320 Douglass

AA-825

Charles R. Douglass

To 7/9/27 FSR 14 181

Eleanor E. Russell

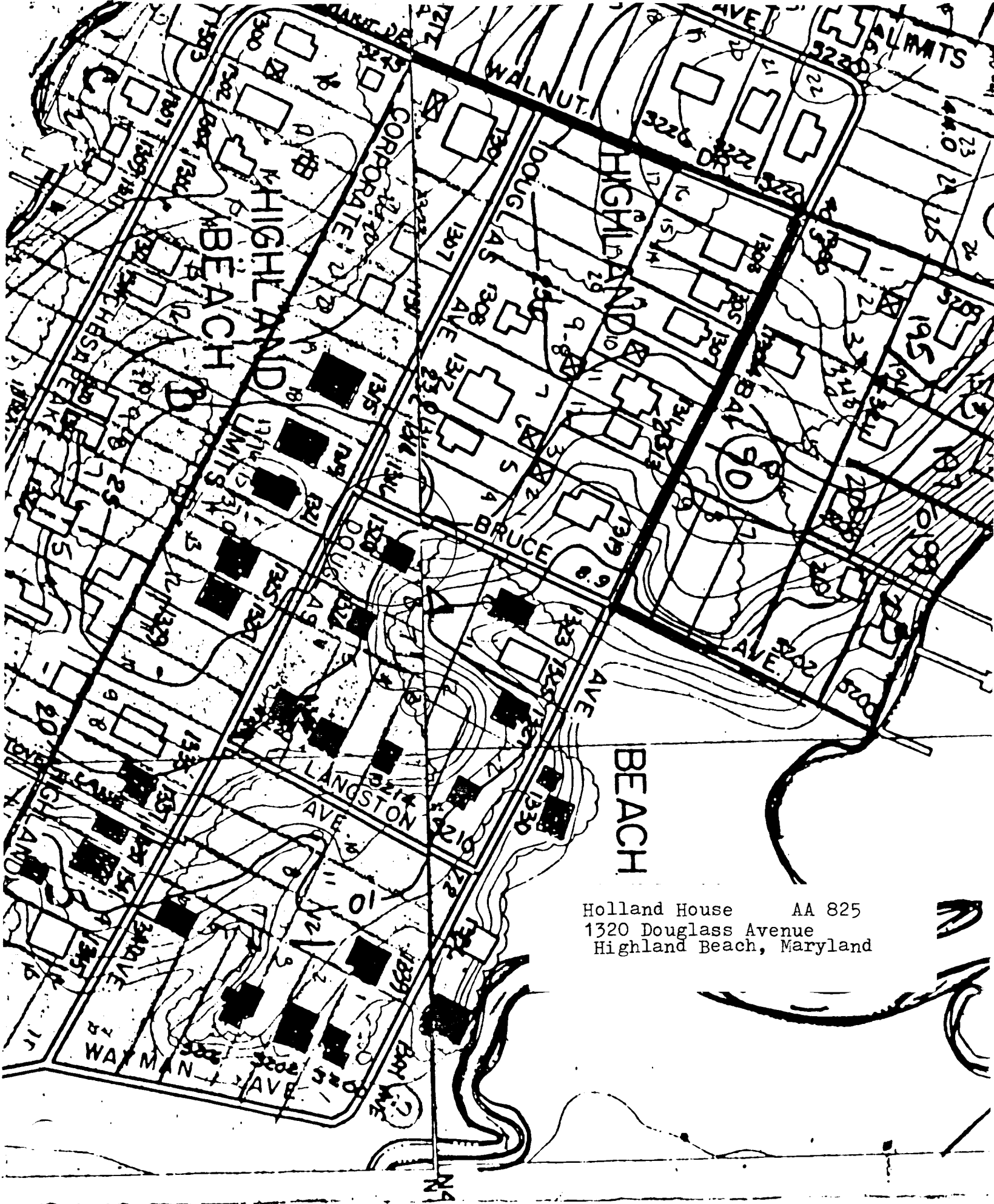
To (Orphan, Court 2/9/39)

Aaron S. Russell & Mary E. (wife)

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To 7/23/41 L 260 F498

Edna M. Holland



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Holland House AA 825  
1320 Douglass Avenue  
Highland Beach, Maryland  
General View

Fern Eisner, Photographer  
March, 1982



Holland House AA 825  
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North elevation

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